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SUBJ: KUWAITI INTEREST IN HAVING AMERICAN FILL ADVISOR IN
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION POSITION

REF: KUWAIT 3130

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM RICHARD MALTBY, CANADIAN UNDP CATALOGING EXPERT ASSIGNED TO KUWAIT MINISTRY OF FINANCE, THAT GOK HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT MAJOR CATALOGING PROGRAM BASED ON US-DEVELOPED FEDERAL SUPPLY SYSTEM. MOREOVER, IN COOPERATION WITH UN AN ADVISOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION JOB DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN ANTICIPATION OF COMPLETION OF VARIOUS FORMALITIES IN CONNECTION WITH INITIATING PROGRAM. THREE YEAR PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY UNDP AND PROJECT DOCUMENT IS KUW/74/003/A/01/01. OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN NEW YORK HANDLING RECRUITMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH BELGIAN NATIONAL HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE JOB, APPARENTLY HE IS NOT QUALIFIED. MALTBY TELLS US THAT ONLY AN AMERICAN OR CANADIAN COULD ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED. MOREOVER, HE UNDERSTANDS THAT UN HAS IDENTIFIED ONE POSSIBLE CANDIDATE WHO IS BOTH EMINENTLY QUALIFIED AND POSSIBLY INTERESTED, MR. W. WAYNE BRADY, CHIEF,
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DATA MANAGEMENT BRANCH, FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE, GENERAL

SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. HOWEVER, THERE APPARENTLY IS SOME QUESTION OVER WHETHER BRADY WILL BE ABLE TO RETAIN CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE PENSION RIGHTS IF HE TAKES UN ASSIGNMENT IN KUWAIT.

3. WE BELIEVE INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES WHICH MAY BE REVIEWING MATTER SHOULD CONSIDER EMBASSY VIEW THAT ASSIGNMENT OF AN AMERICAN TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ADVISOR POSITION WOULD ENHANCE OUR INTERESTS HERE. AS INDICATED PARA 5 REFTEL, GOK DECISION TO ADOPT FEDERAL SUPPLY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM REPRESENTS CONSOUS DECISION TO OPT FOR AMERICAN WAY OF DOING SOMETHING AND IS THEREFORE OF POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE IN WAYS THAT MAY NOT BE APPARENT TO SPECIALISTS DEALING IN HIGHLY TECHNICAL AREA. MOREOVER, MALTBY BELIEVES THAT OTHER EXPERT ADVISORS WILL BE NEED EVENTUALLY AND TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE TRAINING PROGRAMS GOK SUPPLY CALSSIFICATION PROJECT COULD BECOME AN AREA OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN USG AND GOK. IS SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS HAS ALREADY BEGUN; MALTBY WAS VERY PLEASED WITH MEETINGS AT GSA AND ELSEWHERE, AND KUWAITIS ALREADY TAKING SPECIAL COURSES AT GSA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE EMBASSY ON POSSIBILITY OF BRADY ACCEPTING UN ASSIGNMENT AND WHETHER THERE ANY POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE PENSION RIGHTS. IT THERE ARE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE REVIEWING MATTER HAVE WEIGHED US INTEREST IN SEEING THAT AMERICAN IS SELECTED BY UN FOR KUWAIT POSITION. STOLTZFUS

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